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of Discrimination and
Protection of Minorities
Forty-eighth session

AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

The agenda of the forty-eighth session, as adopted by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities at its 1st meeting, on 5 August 1996, is reproduced below:

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1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Review of the work of the Sub-Commission.

4. Review of further developments in fields with which the Sub-Commission has been concerned.

5. Elimination of racial discrimination:

   (a) Measures to combat racism and racial discrimination and the role of the Sub-Commission.

6. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

7. The new international economic order and the promotion of human rights:

   (a) The role and equal participation of women in development.

8. The realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

9. Communications concerning human rights: report of the Working Group established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII).

10. The administration of justice and the human rights of detainees:

   (a) Question of human rights and states of emergency;

   (b) Individualization of prosecution and penalties, and repercussions of violations of human rights on families;

   (c) Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers.

11. The implementation of the human rights of women.

12. Human rights and scientific and technological developments.

13. International peace and security as an essential condition for the enjoyment of human rights, above all the right to life.

14. Discrimination against indigenous peoples.

15. Contemporary forms of slavery.

16. Promotion, protection and restoration of human rights at national, regional and international levels:

    (a) Thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenants on Human Rights;

    (b) Prevention of discrimination and protection of children: human rights and youth;

    (c) Human rights and disability.

17. Protection of minorities.

18. Freedom of movement:

    (a) Situation of migrant workers and members of their families;

    (b) Population displacements;

    (c) Right to leave any country, including one's own, and to return to one's own country.

19. Implications of humanitarian activities for the enjoyment of human rights.

20. Comprehensive examination of thematic issues relating to racism, xenophobia, minorities and migrant workers.

21. Consideration of the future work of the Sub-Commission and of the draft provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission.

22. Adoption of the report on the forty-eighth session.